



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5286**

LCO No. 3247



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORT AND SALE OF COSMETICS  
THAT CONTAIN MICROBEADS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) (a) For the purposes of  
2       this section:

3       (1) "Microbead" means any plastic component of a personal  
4       cosmetic product measured to be five millimeters or less in size; and

5       (2) "Personal cosmetic product" means any (A) article intended to be  
6       rubbed, poured, sprinkled, or sprayed on, introduced into, or  
7       otherwise applied to the human body or any part thereof for cleansing,  
8       beautifying, promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance, or  
9       (B) article intended for use as a component of any such article  
10      described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. "Personal cosmetic  
11      product" does not include any product for which a prescription is  
12      required for distribution or dispensation, as determined by the  
13      Commissioner of Consumer Protection.

14      (b) No person shall import, sell or offer for sale any personal  
15      cosmetic product that contains intentionally-added microbeads except

16 any personal cosmetic product that is also regulated as a drug by the  
17 United States Food and Drug Administration may be imported, sold or  
18 offered for sale until January 1, 2017.

19 (c) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in  
20 consultation with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, may  
21 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of  
22 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

23 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of this section or any  
24 regulation adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall be  
25 fined two thousand five hundred dollars for each day during which  
26 such violation continues, and for any second or subsequent violation,  
27 five thousand dollars for each day during which such violation  
28 continues.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2016	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To prohibit the import and sale of personal cosmetic products that contain microbeads.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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